

New Bike & Pedestrian Facilities for Louisville's Olmsted Parks

Thanks to Governor Ernie Fletcher and the Transportation Cabinet, \$515,200 in reimbursable federal funds will be provided to Louisville Metro Government for the planning and construction of bike and pedestrian facilities in Olmsted Parks.

"When completed, this trail will connect neighborhoods, parks, schools, workplaces and existing multi-use trails. The facility will also provide a healthy environment and improve our air quality," said Governor Fletcher.

The federal CMAQ (Congestion, Mitigation and Air Quality) funds will be used to complete a 2.7 mile multi-use trail along two Olmsted Parkways. The segment will be built along part of Southwestern and Algonquin Parkways from Shawnee Park to Cane Run Road/Wilson Avenue. Ultimate build-out of the project over several years will be a 10-mile trail connecting

Algonquin, Southwestern, Southern and Eastern Parkways. At Shawnee Park, the 2.7 mile segment will connect with Olmsted Park trails and trails along Beargrass Creek.

"This project will help our environment by encouraging more commuters to use alternative transportation modes," said Transportation Cabinet Secretary Bill Nighbert. "Bike racks, signs, lighting, landscaping and production and distribution of maps showing the multi-use trails are also important components of this project."

Louisville-Metro Government will be responsible for the \$128,000 local match. The agreement has been forwarded to Louisville-Metro. The KYTC has previously authorized more than \$370,000 in federal funds for this project.



New Signs Remind Young Drivers to Buckle Up



Buckle Up Signs were installed at several schools in District 4 in May. As students, faculty and visitors leave school grounds, these signs remind them to wear their safety belts.

The signs were placed at Elizabethtown High School, Larue County High School, Meade County High School, and Hart County High School.

Dennis Gardner, Andy Weber and Rob Elliot from Drive Smart were present for the school signings. Charlie Ewing and Roger Embree, traffic technicians from District 4, installed the signs.